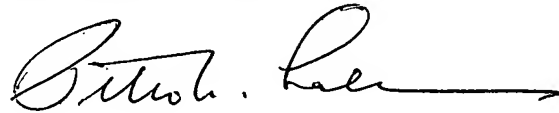


Remarks

The title, specification and the abstract have been amended to render the same more in compliance with the Rules of Practice. Claims 1 through 4 have been cancelled and new claims 5 through 10 have been added which more clearly define the invention and distinguish the same over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the newly submitted claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter N. Lalos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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